

ELECTRICITY EMPLOYEES' FEDERATION OF INDIA

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A virtual meeting of EEFI Working Committee took place on 17th October, 2020. Com K O Habeeb presided over the meeting. The meeting discussed important concurrent issues related to electricity industry, workers, and peasants and arrived at decisions as appended below to oppose anti-people policies of the government of India, being implemented under the cover of the Covid-19 pandemic trespassing its constitutional, legal and logical jurisdiction. National Convention of Workers held on 2nd October, 2020 in virtual platform was participated by 1.5 Lakh workers representing affiliated unions of CTUs and independent industrial federations. Declaration of the Convention embraced all the draconian steps of the government against workers, peasants' as well poor people of the country. Government is fanatic to sale off all the public property at throw away price or free of cost to favour its cronies. Labour laws were codified in the same purpose and Agriculture sector was to be corporatized in exploitation of three new Acts passed, keeping the opposition parliamentarians quarantined by the marshals. The Convention initially decided to resort to **One Day nationwide Strike on 26th November, 2020.** Meeting was apprised of the back footsteps of the government against the united strength of the employees of Coal, Defence and Electricity in UP. EEFI greeted UP workers struggle, NCCOEEE planning to intensify the struggle as discussed in the national chapter meeting on 15th October last and to be finalised on 21st was apprised before the meeting. Working Committee through detailed deliberation came to the conclusion that our whole organisation should be geared up to combat the situation.

1. All the organisations affiliated and associated to EEFI should immediately tune up the whole levels of organisation for the struggle ahead. General Body meeting should be organised from state, District and down the level units to apprise the Workers the salient points of the Declaration of 2nd October Convention, privatisation move of the government in all important sectors including electricity. Draconian Labour Laws as well as well Agriculture Acts is to be explained in these meetings. State and District level GBs can be organised in virtual platform where as local level physical meetings are to be planned.
2. Campaign should be organised before other section of workers, peasants as well electricity consumers in association with their Unions, Associations including organisations of Small and Medium sector commerce and industries, Hand Bill in the form of brief appeal to resist the anti-people policies of the government being implemented through change of laws are to be circulated in local languages. We need to emphatically explain that almost all assets of the power sector have been developed at the cost of public/ state exchequer. Government of India is having right to neither transfer it to private hands for the profit of the business lobby nor insist the state governments to do it. In this spell of campaign also Electricity (Amendment) Bill, 2020 and Standard Bidding Document is to be dealt with.
3. National Co-ordination Committee (NCCOEEE) in some states has lost perfect cohesion. EEFI, wherever is having vibrant existence should take initiative to involve all constituents to keep the organisations together in the forthcoming stage of struggle. In order to frame a concrete charter of demand to be circulated among all the states and placed before all competent authority are:
 - Scrapping E(A) Bill, 2020
 - Scrapping SBD
 - Opposing privatisation
 - Reintegration of SEBs
 - Resumption of Old Pension Scheme.
 - Regularisation of all contract and casual workers averting legal complicity.It will be finalised in the meeting of NCCOEEE national chapter along with intensification of for consecutive days by middle / end of January. Immediate steps are to be taken to this course of actions.

4. Government of India has initiated electricity privatisation with Union Territories. EEFI is having its strong unit in Chandigarh. NCCOEEE is also functional there. Mass rally was organised on 15th October, series of agitation has been planned. Adjacent states like Haryana, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh will stand by Chandigarh. Com. Subhas Lamba has been assigned the responsibility of co-ordination including J&K as well Ladakh.
5. A NCCOEEE Format is attached hereto for filling in and return back to EEFI centre in respect of EEFI state chapters. It may kindly be returned by 20th October, 2020.
6. Working Committee reviewed the Fund Position of EEFI Centre. It is not at all healthy. No Struggle can be made successful without requisite Fund. All organisations are to remit all its affiliation dues and their contribution towards Struggle Fund as decided in 7th and 8th National Conference of EEFI.



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